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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PAPERS SOLD TO DTA BACKER

1. KURT DAHLMANN, EDITOR OF ALLEEMEINE ZEITUNG, CONFIRMED
TU US TODAY, APRIL 21, THAT HIS PAPER AS WELL AS THE
WINDHOEK ADVERTISER, WERE SOLD YESTERDAY TO A GERMAN
NATIONAL, DR. DEITER LAUENSTEIN FOR R2 MILLION. ACCORDING
TO DAHLMANN, LAUENSTEIN, WHO IS ABOUT 75 YEARS OLD, WAS
ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE CDU AND IS AN AVOWED
SUPPORTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLIANCE. DAHLMANN
SAID HE HAD RAISED ENOUGH FUNDS IN EUROPE TO PURCHASE THE
ZEITUNG, BUT THE OWNERS, JOHN MEINERT, LTD., HAD REFUSED
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TO SELL EXCEPT AS A PACKAGE DEAL. DAHLMANN SAID
THAT HE AND WINDHOEK ADVERTISER EDITOR, J. M. SMITH,
HAVE BEEN GIVEN NOTICE THAT THEY WOULD BE DISMISSED
AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

2. THIS DEAL WILL GIVE THE DTA A MONOPOLY OVER ALL
OF THE DAILY NEWSPAPERS IN NAMIBIA.

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